

# **Overview of Changes**

## **MAS Solicitation 47QSMD20R0001**

### **Refresh # 7 - August 2021**

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# Agenda

- Introductions and Welcome
- Disclaimer
- Purpose of Planned Action
- Overview of Planned MAS Solicitation Changes

# Disclaimer

*"DISCLAIMER: The purpose of this webinar is to allow GSA FAS to verbally present the DRAFT planned solicitation refresh and related mass modification as a courtesy to industry. All comments on the information presented must be submitted via chat on this call. GSA FAS will consider all relevant comments and document them, but we are not obligated to respond to any questions at this time. GSA FAS may address some comments during the call or provide responses to relevant questions on the original Interact posting. GSA FAS does not guarantee a response to all questions, but may issue a formal response to industry comments or related inquiries. GSA FAS will make changes to the DRAFT as appropriate. Interested parties should review the final version of the solicitation refresh or mass modification closely for additional changes made to this DRAFT."*

# Questions

Please submit questions via the chat function on this webinar. For additional questions after the webinar, please submit via the [original Interact posting](#). GSA will address questions, as appropriate.

# Purpose of Planned Action

The General Services Administration (GSA) Federal Acquisition Service (FAS) is planning to refresh the GSA Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) to incorporate various updates as outlined in the advanced notice posting on GSA Interact and presented during this MAS Refresh webinar. The refresh is scheduled for **August 31, 2021**.

# Overview of Planned MAS Solicitation Changes

**The following planned changes to the MAS solicitation will be applicable to all large categories:**

1. Revise format of Available Offerings Attachment
2. Various changes to the Price Proposal Template
3. Incorporate clause and provision updates, as necessary, through Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC) 2021-06 and GSAR Change 132.

# Overview of Planned MAS Solicitation Changes

**The following planned changes to the MAS solicitation will be applicable to a Specific Large Category, Subcategory or SIN:**

1. Human Capital Category (D):
  - i. Background Investigation Subcategory (D01): Revise SIN 561611
2. Information Technology Category (F):
  - i. Removing Non-TDR/TDR IT Offer and Modification Requirements Supplemental Price Proposal Templates for IT Category

# Overview of Planned MAS Solicitation Changes

**The following planned changes to the MAS solicitation will be applicable to a Specific Large Category, Subcategory or SIN:**

3. Professional Services Category (H):
  - i. Environmental Services Subcategory (H02): Revise SIN 562112
  - ii. Financial Services Subcategory (H03): Add new SIN 524292INS
  - iii. Technical and Engineering Services (Non-IT) Subcategory (H09): Add new SIN 541990
4. Security and Protection (J):
  - i. Removing SIN 561612 Protective Service Occupations Supplemental Price Proposal Templates from Available Offerings and Requirements.



# Overview of Planned MAS Solicitation Changes

**The following planned changes to the MAS solicitation will be applicable to a Specific Large Category, Subcategory or SIN:**

- 5. Transportation and Logistics Category (K):
  - i. Transportation of Things Subcategory (K05): Revise requirements for SIN 532111

# Revisions to the Price Proposal Templates


1. **Offer Services Price Proposal Template (PPT):**
  - a. Improved consistency of language between all the tabs and clarity of instructions
  - b. Removed references to translation & language services (now independent PPT)
  - c. Revised Pricing Terms tab to capture more relevant pricing information  
Ex. Percentage of gross sales and quantity/volume discounts
  - d. Revised formulas and data elements to more clearly present fixed escalation rates for services
  - e. Added dropdowns to more clearly show elements such as security clearance and added a substitution for degree column
2. **Issued new PPT-** SINs 541930 Translation and Interpretation Services & 611630 Linguistic Training and Education which will now be located under the Templates to download, complete, and upload in eOffer (if applicable”) section on the- [Available Offerings and Requirements](#)



# Clause and Provision Updates

Administrative clause and provision updates will be made per [Federal Acquisition Circular \(FAC\) 2021-06](#) and [GSAR Change 132](#).

1. Technical amendments will be applied to the following clauses in order to make minor corrections:
  - a. 52.212-2
  - b. 52.212-5
  - c. I-FSS-639



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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
GENERAL SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATION**

**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND  
SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

**48 CFR Chapter 1**

**[Docket No. FAR-2020-0051, Sequence  
No. 7]**

**Federal Acquisition Regulation;  
Federal Acquisition Circular 2021-02;  
Introduction**

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense (DoD),  
General Services Administration (GSA).

and National Aeronautics and Space  
Administration (NASA).

**ACTION:** Summary presentation of final  
rules.

**SUMMARY:** This document summarizes  
the Federal Acquisition Regulation  
(FAR) rules agreed to by the Civilian  
Agency Acquisition Council and the  
Defense Acquisition Regulations  
Council (Councils) in this Federal  
Acquisition Circular (FAC) 2021-02. A  
companion document, the *Small Entity  
Compliance Guide* (SECG), follows this  
FAC.

**DATES:** For effective date see the  
separate documents, which follow.

**RULE LISTED IN FAC 2021-02**

Item	Subject	FAR case	Analyst
I	Removal of FAR Appendix	2020-003	Boyer
II	Removal of Obsolete Definitions	2020-002	Uddowla
III	Update to Excess Personal Property Procedures	2019-019	Uddowla
IV	Reserve Officer Training Corps and Military Recruiting on Campus	2018-021	Delgado
V	Documentation of Market Research	2020-006	Fairfax
VI	Taxes—Foreign Contracts in Afghanistan	2018-023	Funk
VII	Recreational Services on Federal Lands	2019-002	Funk

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Summaries for each FAR rule follow.  
For the actual revisions and/or  
amendments made by these FAR rules,  
refer to the specific item numbers and  
subjects set forth in the documents  
following these item summaries. FAC  
2021-02 amends the FAR as follows:

**Item I—Removal of FAR Appendix  
(FAR Case 2020-003)**

This final rule removes FAR  
references to the FAR appendix and the  
FAR looseleaf. The FAR appendix at an  
earlier time contained a copy of the Cost  
Accounting Standards Board  
regulations. These remain available at  
48 CFR chapter 99. There is no effect on  
small entities. The FAR looseleaf  
version is now published online at  
<https://www.acquisition.gov>. It is no  
longer published as a paper loose-leaf  
version.

**Item II—Removal of Obsolete  
Definitions (FAR Case 2020-002)**

This final rule amends the FAR to  
remove the definitions of the terms  
“annual receipts” and “number of  
employees” in FAR 19.101. The Small  
Business Administration (SBA) has  
published a final rule at 84 FR 68561 on  
December 5, 2019, amending its  
regulations to update these terms in 13  
CFR part 121 as part of SBA’s  
implementation of the Small Business  
Runway Extension Act of 2018. The

definitions in FAR 19.101 conflict with  
SBA’s revised regulation and are not  
needed in the FAR as these terms relate  
to determinations made by SBA, not  
contracting officers. In addition, this  
final rule moves the definition of  
“affiliate,” as used with regard to small  
business size determination, to  
appropriate locations in the FAR.

**Item III—Update To Excess Personal  
Property Procedures (FAR Case 2019-  
019)**

This final rule amends the FAR to  
update internal Government procedures  
on how agencies can locate excess  
personal property and to remove  
obsolete requirements. Specifically, this  
rule removes references to catalogs and  
bulletins issued by GSA, the use of a  
discontinued GSA form, and the ability  
to examine reports and samples of  
excess personal property in GSA  
regional offices. Instead, the rule  
identifies the website through which  
agencies can find information on  
available excess personal property.  
Additionally, this rule updates the name  
of the offices handling excess personal  
property within GSA and provides a  
website containing contact information  
for those offices.

**Item IV—Reserve Officer Training  
Corps and Military Recruiting on  
Campus (FAR Case 2018-021)**

This final rule implements 10 U.S.C.  
981, which prohibits the award of  
certain Federal contracts to institutions  
of higher education that prohibit  
Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC)  
units or military recruiting on campus.

This final rule will not have a  
significant economic impact on a  
substantial number of small entities.

**Item V—Documentation of Market  
Research (FAR Case 2020-006)**

This final rule amends the FAR to  
implement section 818 of the National  
Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
Year 2020, which requires the head of  
the agency to document the results of  
market research in a manner appropriate  
for the size and complexity of the  
acquisition.

**Item VI—Taxes—Foreign Contracts in  
Afghanistan (FAR Case 2018-023)**

This final rule amends the FAR to add  
two new clauses that notify contractors  
of requirements relating to Afghanistan  
taxes or similar charges when contracts  
are being performed in Afghanistan.  
Agreements established with the Islamic  
Republic of Afghanistan exempt the  
United States Forces and the North  
Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)  
Forces, and their contractors from

# Human Capital Category - Background Investigation Services

## Human Capital Category (D):

- Background Investigation Subcategory (D01) - SIN 561611 - HR Support - Pre Employment Background Investigations:
  - The title of SIN 561611 will be revised from “Pre Employment Background Investigations” to “Background Investigations”.
  - The description of SIN 56111 will be revised to expand the scope of the SIN to include background investigation services that occur at any time (no longer limited to pre-employment activities).

# Information Technology Category- Price Proposal Templates

## Information Technology Category (F):

1. Removing Non-TDR/TDR IT Offer and Modification Requirements Supplemental Price Proposal Templates (PPT) from “[Available Offerings and Requirements](#)”
  - a. Determined that all the data elements captured on these supplemental PPTs are duplicative to other required offer document submissions.
  - b. Recommended to remove the requirement to complete these documents for offerors and modifications with ITC SINs.

# Professional Services Category- Hazardous Waste Disposal Services

## Professional Services Category (H):

- Environmental Services Subcategory (H02): Revise SIN 562112, Hazardous Waste Disposal, to add medical and pharmaceutical waste disposal, and disposal of low level radiological waste associated with medical waste.
- Additional document submission requirements pertaining to medical and pharmaceutical waste will be required:
  - copy of most recent audits (external or internal) to show compliance with regulatory requirements (or detailed explanation of how compliance is assured if no audits have been conducted);
  - copy of all current federal, state, and local certifications; and
  - description of contractor's compliance training/certification program.
- GSA is developing an Ordering Guide and acquisition planning package resources for SIN 562112 will be available on [GSA.gov](https://www.gsa.gov).

# Professional Services Category- Third Party Administration of Insurance Funds

## Professional Services Category (H):

- Financial Services Subcategory (H03): Add new SIN 524292INS, Third Party Administration of Insurance and Pension Funds, linked to NAICS 524292.
- SIN description: Provides financial services related to third party administration of insurance and pension funds, such as claims adjudication and processing and other administrative services to insurance carriers, employee benefit plans, and self-insurance funds. Additionally, medical coding, medical billing, medical claims and appeals, insurance claim processing, managing and distributing claims reimbursements may be performed. Ancillary support services may include providing customer service education and outreach, project and program management, compliance and dispute resolution support, provider outreach, and data reporting support, benefit design, prescription drug formulary, enrollment assistance, consolidated billing, identification of billing mistakes, stop loss coverage, and state and federal billing.



# Professional Services Category- Other Professional & Technical Services

## Professional Services Category (H):

- Technical and Engineering Services (Non-IT) Subcategory (H09): Add new SIN 541990 “All Other Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (Non IT)” will be linked to NAICS 541990. This SIN will be TDR eligible.
- SIN Description: Services provided include professional, scientific, and technical services not covered under other SINs. Examples include, but are not limited to, the following: appraisal services (except real estate); crisis management; emergency preparedness; emergency management; commodity inspector services; mathematical (both theoretical and applied) and statistical (both theoretical and applied) professional services; performance and impact evaluation services (related to a scientific or technical project); public health planning services; and weather forecasting services.

# Security and Protection Category- Price Proposal Templates

## Security and Protection Category (J):

1. Removing SIN 561612 Protective Service Occupations Supplemental Price Proposal Template (PPT) from “[Available Offerings and Requirements](#)”
  - a. Determined that all the data elements captured on this supplemental PPT are duplicative to other required offer document submissions.
  - b. Recommended to remove the requirement to complete these documents for offerors and modifications under SIN 561612

## **Transportation and Logistics Category (K):**

1. Transportation of Things Subcategory (K05) - SIN 532111- Automotive equipment rental and leasing, Rental Supplemental Vehicle Program (RSVP)
  - a. This SIN will be revised to allow vehicles that are up to 4 years old and have up to 60,000 miles on the odometer.
    - Currently, vehicles proposed under this SIN must be no more than 2 years old and have no more than 40,000 miles on the odometer

